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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Participation in Abridged Project USEFUL

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the Director of Central Intelligence; this action is contained in paragraph 4.
2. Starting in 1954 the Central Intelligence Agency annually has presented a two week orientation to representatives of the Defense Establishment. This program, known as Project USEFUL, coordinated with the War Plans Staff/DDP, has been primarily for the Unified and Specified Commands, plus certain representatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and more recently the Defense Intelligence Agency. The content has dealt with the organization and functions of the Agency with primary emphasis on our capabilities in war planning and contingency situations.
3. In 1964, Mr. McCone saw a further need for an abridged version of Project USEFUL for members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Defense Intelligence Agency. We presented two such programs in February and May of last year after which Mr. McCone requested an evaluation of the orientation. This was done by interviewing selected members of those courses. It was found that the presentations were well received. Senior officers of JCS and DIA said that they considered the orientation as a necessary part of the indoctrination of new officers to their components. Accordingly, we have presented one abridged version of Project USEFUL in February of this year. A copy of the schedule is attached.
4. The fourth presentation of the Abridged Project USEFUL is scheduled to take place on 25-26 May. As you will see, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence has opened the proceedings with a short welcome and talk on the purpose of the program. The Director

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has been present to make appropriate closing remarks. I would like to request your participation to make the closing remarks on 26 May starting at 1630.

SIGNED

MATTHEW BAIRD  
Director of Training

Attachment:  
As Stated Above

CONCUR:

L. K. White  
Deputy Director for Support

Date

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